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# 'Turning point for our city'

## DEVELOPMENT

### Large crowd attends as the city kicks off Cogswell project



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

About 200 people attended a public information meeting put on by the municipality Wednesday night designed to let citizens know that the process to redesign the Cogswell interchange has begun.

The crowd at Casino Nova Scotia, right next to where the redevelopment will happen, included a few municipal councillors and councillors-elect, and Mayor Mike Savage spoke about what he believes the project will do for Halifax.

"I believe that this will be the economic, social, environmental and cultural turning point for our city," he said.

Savage said that without starting the demolition of the out-dated set of overpasses and out-of-place downtown highway connectivity, the municipality has "already accomplished a great deal."

"We've moved from years of conversation — 'Wouldn't it be nice if we could?' — and conjecture — 'When might we get this thing going?' — to establishing our Cogswell office, approving a road concept, and approving a design engineering contract," he said.

Project director John Spinelli told the crowd that more public consultations will start in early 2017, and the 60 per cent



The process to redesign the Cogswell interchange has begun. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Mayor Mike Savage

design completion threshold will be crossed between April and June, at which point council makes a decision on whether to proceed.

The plan is to create up to 1,600 residential units to house up to 2,500 residents, create six acres of development, six acres of street space, four acres of

public space, and three kilometres of bike lanes.

There is a catch though.

Savage acknowledged that the redevelopment will be difficult for the city, but said the municipality will be "mindful of the businesses and the people in the area now that will be affected by the work in the years to come."

"This will be disruptive and it will cost some money to dis-

mantle lots of concrete," he said. "But I believe the cost of lost opportunity would be higher than any price tag for demolition."

Coun. Wayne Mason said that some of the disruption had already been mitigated: a plan to redirect truck traffic caught so much opposition that the new plan is to keep trucks running through the project.

"The disruption will be noise, dirt, and people wondering how

they're gonna get to work today, but the plan is to clearly identify the alternatives and keep them there for a long time," he said.

Mason said that while campaigning, the thing he heard most from people was that they didn't believe it was actually going to happen.

"People want it to come down, I think, but they don't believe it's really gonna finally happen, and it is," he said.

## COMMUNITY

### Brewery, Islamic Centre are 'good neighbours' again

A Halifax brewery and neighbouring Islamic centre have issued a joint statement saying they are working out their issues.

The Centre for Islamic Development filed a noise and litter complaint against the Good Robot Brewing Company earlier this month.

In a joint statement Tuesday, the centre and brewery said they met over the weekend for a "lengthy and constructive

chat," and were able to reach a number of agreements about how to address the centre's concerns.

"The centre confirmed that its intent is not to shut down Good Robot, but rather to exist harmoniously together, provided reasonable concerns can be addressed with reasonable measures," read the statement.

"Likewise, Good Robot denounces any ill-will that has been directed towards the cen-

tre in public forums and welcomes an opportunity to work in a respectful and co-operative manner with the centre and its representatives."

The statement said the two sides were able to develop a list of steps that will be taken to improve the relationship, and plan to meet regularly to ensure their mutual goals are being met.

"We look forward to strengthening our future as

good neighbours," it said.

"The meeting was also a priceless opportunity to learn about each other's backgrounds and careers, both as representatives of our respective organizations, and as private citizens."

The two sides asked to be allowed to follow the path they've set out in private, without "odious public commentary."

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The Good Robot on Robie Street. JEFF HARPER/METRO



# 96% in favour

## The earliest any job action could happen is Dec. 3

### TEACHERS' STRIKE MANDATE

### Parents supportive of teachers after strike vote



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

After this week's vote overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate, many parents in Halifax are supportive of teachers.

A whopping 96 per cent of teachers voted in favour of job action, which could include a strike on Tuesday night.

A cooling period is now underway, and teachers could walk off the job on Dec. 3.

Metro caught up with parents picking up their kids at Saint Joseph's-Alexander McKay School in the North End.

Shannon Hansen told Metro he's "not really" concerned about the strike vote by teachers.

"I think they've got a lot of valid concerns," he said.

"Nobody wants people to strike for services, but that's the reality. They have to listen to their concerns and try to address them."

Hansen's main concern is that teachers are able to teach

kids "to the fullest potential they can."

"The teachers know they're not able to do that," he said.

"And they're trying to express that, 'Look, we can do better for these kids. Let us.'"

Teresa Kelsie told Metro she supports teachers, and believes they're the most important people in children's lives, apart from their parents.

"If it comes to the fact that they're not being paid enough for the work to do, they have to do what they have to do," she said.

Nova Scotia Teachers Union president Liette Doucet said Tuesday night after the vote that teachers are looking for at least a cost of living wage increase, but that resources in the classroom are also important.

There's no doubt in Sue MacDonald's mind that teachers need more resources in their classrooms.

As a parent and an educational program assistant (in CUPE not NSTU), MacDonald said teachers absolutely don't have enough support.

Her child was referred to a psychologist and it took year to get an appointment. MacDonald said social workers and psychologists should be in every school.

"It's not teachable in these classrooms and I think that

### METRO ASKS

## Who do you side with in the dispute between teachers and the Nova Scotia government?

87% 8% 4%

Teachers

Province

Neither

1%

Other

1,760

The total number of online votes as of print deadline

**"Nobody wants people to strike for services, but that's the reality. They have to listen to their concerns and try to address them. Shannon Hansen**

anyone making those decisions should walk in their shoes for a week and see how they're teaching and what they've come against."

She said she fully supports any strike action should it come to that because her children, who do well academically, are falling behind because of the needs of the other students.

"There are not enough bodies and not enough support for the teachers."

A letter from the province about the strike vote was expected to be sent out to parents on Wednesday, but an education department spokesperson told Metro late Wednesday that it was now expected to be sent on Thursday.

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96 per cent of teachers voted in favour of job action, which may include a strike. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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## COURTS

## Murder conviction thrown out again

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has thrown out, for a second time, the first-degree murder conviction of an Ottawa man who claimed he had no idea his friend planned to shoot the victim in the head.

Steven Gareau has been ordered to face a new trial — it would be his third — although the court ruling pointedly noted a retrial is “at the Crown’s discretion.”

The dead man, Sean Simmons, had been targeted in October 2000 because he’d had an affair with a girlfriend of a member of the Hells Angels.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday that the trial judge mistakenly allowed the jury to hear about a second, earlier shooting, and mishandled wiretap evidence suggesting Gareau wasn’t aware of a murder plot.

Gareau’s first conviction for both murder and conspiracy to commit murder came in 2004, but it was overturned eight years later because of different legal mistakes by a different judge. He was retried over seven months and convicted again in February 2014.

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## CRIME

## Spree of thefts from cars sparks warning



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Halifax police are warning people about a rash of thefts from motor vehicles in the Dartmouth area.

In a media release issued Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police said their crime analysts have noted an increase in thefts from motor vehicles in the Portland Hills, Portland Estates and Cranberry Crescent areas.

Since Oct. 4, police have received 28 reports of items stolen from inside unattended

vehicles in these areas.

Police said in most cases, the vehicles were unlocked with “attractive objects” left in plain sight.

All happened in the overnight hours.

Police remind people that thefts from vehicles are usually crimes of opportunity.

Police say they will be focusing their efforts in these areas of Dartmouth.

People who have had items stolen from their vehicles are asked to file a report by calling 902-490-5016 or do it online at [www.halifax.ca/Police/OnlineCrimeReporting](http://www.halifax.ca/Police/OnlineCrimeReporting).

### IN BRIEF

#### Police seek scraper bandit

Police are looking for a man who held up a Dartmouth gas station with a paint scraper. In a media release, Halifax Regional Police said shortly after

10 p.m. Tuesday, a suspect entered the Petro Canada at 610 Portland St. The man produced a paint scraper and demanded money and cigarettes. After getting both, he fled. METRO



Stephen Gregory Tynes leaves provincial court in Dartmouth on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Student sentenced for weapons charge

## DALHOUSIE

## Conditional discharge after guilty plea



**Jen Taplin**  
For Metro | Halifax

A former Dalhousie medical student was sentenced to a conditional discharge for a weapons charge in a Dartmouth courtroom Wednesday.

Stephen Gregory Tynes faced several charges in 2015, including uttering threats, after being accused of threatening to kill people at Dalhousie. Most of the charges were dropped

in June and Tynes was given a peace bond.

The weapons charge, relating to a “banana clip” that had been altered to hold more than five rounds, remained and Tynes pleaded guilty. Tynes appeared in Dartmouth court for sentencing on Wednesday with his parents.

Crown prosecutor Eric Taylor said Tynes’ psychiatrist alerted police to the possible threat in 2015. A family member also stepped forward at the time expressing concern about Tynes’ firearms.

Police searched his apartment on Tower Road and discovered two rifles and a number of rounds of ammunition, all properly stored and secured. Police also discovered the al-

tered “banana clip.”

Both Taylor and Tynes’ lawyer Stan MacDonald agreed there was no evidence to suggest Tynes altered the clip.

Taylor said a psychiatrist suggested Tynes may have a personality disorder and that Tynes himself said he experienced “road rage.”

“Certainly some of those concerns are being dealt with by ongoing counseling,” Taylor said.

In his past, Tynes reported use of drugs and alcohol. Taylor recommended counselling for substance abuse be included in the conditions, but MacDonald argued there was no need for it.

“There is no call or need here to authorize broad-ran-

### + PROBATION

According to the conditions, for one year Stephen Tynes must report to a probation officer who will direct psychological counseling, no drugs, a five-year prohibition on firearms, ammunition and explosive substances, and a forfeiture of his weapons and ammunition.

ging, wide-open counselling conditions,” MacDonald said.

“This is a guilty plea in relation to a particular device... Mr. Tynes has to be sentenced for the crime which he pled guilty.”



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# 'I don't want women to think they can't do this'

## EMPOWERMENT

**Officer says she's never felt disrespected by colleagues**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

When Const. Alicia Joseph walks down the street, she says people see the uniform first and her gender second.

Although she knows it's not always been that way.

In her 10 years of policing (which has included roles like patrol, walking the downtown beat, media relations and now school response officer) Joseph said she's never had fellow officers or the public mistreat her because she's a woman, or disregard her as an officer.

"We are still in a male-dominated profession ... but the male officers are very, very wonderful. They don't look at us as girls, they look at us as equals," Joseph said Wednesday in-between talks at the annual Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement (AWLE) Conference.

"If we would go to a call, the gender doesn't even (have) an effect. It really doesn't."

Joseph said when dealing with the public, it's only older generations that might call her "doll" or "miss," but they're often trying to be respectful even if it seems misplaced.

Since she was a young girl in Saint John, N.B., Joseph said she always loved participating in recreation centre activities and being involved in the community — a Grade 6 photo on career day even has her with a pin reading



**Halifax Regional Police Const. Alicia Joseph says meeting a female officer at her school growing up left a big impression on her. Today, she tries to have a similar impact on students she speaks with.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

"future police officer."

Joseph said she remembers meeting a female officer at her school that made a big impression on her. That representation is something Joseph said she tries to replicate herself every time she visits students, to ensure boys realize it's normal to see women in police roles, and get girls thinking about that career.

With only 100 of the 530 Halifax Regional Police officers being women, and 48 of 195 for Halifax RCMP, Joseph said she'd love to see much higher numbers although they have been slowly



**All I've had is certainly respect, and I've always felt equal.**

Const. Alicia Joseph

climbing since she started with HRP a decade ago.

Although men are just as empathetic, Joseph said it's important to have more women in the force since they bring different strengths like adaptability, and are "talkers and great listeners" most of all.

Women can even have a calming effect on tense situations without realizing it, Joseph said,

like when she responded to a fight and both men suddenly stopped "out of respect for me."

As many first responders know, the unexpected 24-hour shifts and variety of emotional, violent or graphic situations can follow you home to your family, Joseph said, including her husband and two young daughters.

"Somebody has died in the family unexpectedly ... and you

have to tell the family. Those kind of calls stick with you, just ones you're thinking 'I've just ruined somebody's life today,'" Joseph said.

"And you just keep working through it, you take your kids to dance, take your kids to hockey."

It's the mentorship between female officers, and conferences like the AWLE that keeps you from burning out, Joseph said, as well as more support than ever for issues like PTSD.

"I don't want women to ever think they can't do this job," she said.

## POLICE

# Too few women in upper ranks

Sgt. Carolyn Nichols might not get asked where the "real" police are when she shows up anymore, but said there's still lots of room for improvement.

Nichols, president of the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement (AWLE) Conference being held in Halifax for its 24th year Tuesday through Friday, is with the Halifax Regional Police's patrol division and began her career in 1999.

"I can remember going on calls, and people would be looking over your shoulder and they would be asking 'well when are the real police getting here?'"

It took a shift in public perception to realize it's normal to have female officers, Nichols said, but when it comes to upper ranks there's still very few women.

The very first Atlantic police chief, Leanne Fitch, only took her post in 2013 in Fredericton, Nichols said.

The AWLE is a place for discussing strategies, changes, and networking while also giving female officers professional development they might not get otherwise, since women make up less than 20 per cent of their organizations, Nichols said.

Fixing those numbers means a higher emphasis on recruiting women, Nichols said, while there's also changes needed on maternity and paternity leave.

The recent RCMP class-action lawsuit where large numbers of female officers described sexual assault and harassment can't be ignored, Nichols said, making it more important than ever to bring women together to talk through how to create safe environments for everyone.

"We need to show women in a positive spotlight ... and the changes they're making," Nichols said.

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# Audit blasts ALC's lavish spending

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## Report finds thousands spent on concert tickets

Officials running the Atlantic Lottery Corp. spent thousands of dollars on lavish dinners and Christmas parties, boosted executive salaries and handed out generous perks to politicians, according to a joint audit of the Crown corporation that said the lucrative enterprise needs greater oversight and transparency.

The report, released Wednesday by the auditors general of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, looked into management of the corporation, finding confusion in decision-making due in part to a lack of co-ordination between the board, manage-



Auditor General of Nova Scotia Michael Pickup.

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ment and the governments that own it.

The audit raised questions about corporate spending practices, pay hikes and a \$73,000

expenditure on concert and event tickets for so-called stakeholder relations. In particular, it cited \$14,000 the corporation spent on buying

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The corporation said Wednesday that it would eliminate company-funded holiday events and scale back employee recognition spending.

an additional 125 tickets to the Cavendish Music Festival in 2014 after it had already received 270 tickets as a sponsor to give away.

Nova Scotia's auditor general, Michael Pickup, said most people would have trouble with that kind of expense.

"I don't believe that the general public would accept that money that would otherwise be returned to the provinces in terms of profits (is) going to buy concert tickets for political people, for elected officials and senior bureaucrats," he said in Halifax.

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## EXPENSES

## Official billed town for strip club visits

A forensic audit has found the chief administrative officer of one northeastern Nova Scotia municipality charged \$582 for visits to two Texas strip clubs.

The report by the accounting firm Grant Thornton examines credit card and expense claims by staff and councillors in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

The auditors questioned two nights of visits to adult entertainment clubs in Houston filed by Warren Olsen, the chief administrative officer, which was listed as a "reception/meal."

They also say alcohol purchases by staff and councillors totalled just under \$8,000, while \$75,000 in meal and entertainment purchases included liquor.

The audit, released Tuesday, follows on a similar study prepared by Nova Scotia's ombudsman, though it provides greater detail on the roughly \$800,000 in claims.

The auditors say repeatedly that they couldn't determine the appropriateness of claims due to a lack of documentation, as 440 of 603 trans-

actions weren't supported by detailed receipts.

The audit says current travel expense policy and employee policies are "unclear regarding acceptable meals and entertainment practices."

It recommends that meal expenses include a detailed receipt of who attended and the business purpose, as well as a spending limit.

It says a log of actual mileage incurred by councillors should be maintained, and that any expenses incurred for family members during travel be paid personally.

Zach Churchill, the minister of municipal affairs, has said issues with the handling of public funds in Richmond County highlight the need for a more transparent system of posting expenses.

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Money spent on visits to Texas strip clubs.

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## ENVIRONMENT

## Protestors at Muskrat Falls told 'go home'

Indigenous leaders and the Newfoundland and Labrador government are telling protestors at the site of the Muskrat Falls hydro project they can "go home."

The leaders emerged from a marathon meeting with Premier Dwight Ball early Wednesday touting significant progress made to address environmental concerns with the Labrador megaproject.

Ball announced that an independent expert advisory committee made up of provincial, federal, municipal and indigenous groups will be created to monitor the project.

After the meeting, Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe told protestors to go home because they had succeeded in their goals.

"If you are still at the site, within or (outside), or if you are still doing the hunger strike, go home," Lampe said.

"I feel that the progress that has been made today will give the Labrador Inuit the opportunity to go back home to your family, your friends, your children, your grandchildren."

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## + MERCURY

One of major concerns among protestors was the potential for raised methylmercury levels as a result of the flooding.

## Maritime singer calls out her rapist in new album

## MUSIC

## Kinley Dowling says her song is helping others speak out

A Maritime singer-songwriter has released a song about being raped after her high-school prom, saying she hopes it encourages others to share their own stories.

"It's a letter to the guy that raped me," Kinley Dowling of Prince Edward Island said of

her new song, "Microphone."

"He was a year older than me and I barely knew him at all and it really, really kind of ruined me for years. I've been trying to figure out how to deal with my emotions."

Dowling, who recently released her debut solo album "Letters Never Sent" under the moniker KINLEY, said writing about it has helped her work through those difficult emotions.

"People don't want to bring it up... because it's a really hard thing to talk about and you don't ever want to feel those feelings ever again," said Dowling, who

has played violin for Newfoundland indie ensemble Hey Rosetta! for nine years. "But you have to let them out to allow yourself to be able to get over it and move on with your life."

The song paints a picture of a boy taking the hand of a girl and leading her to a field, where she was sexually assaulted despite repeatedly saying no.

"You are a pirate in the night; You took something that was mine; How do you live your life thinking this is all right? And if you come to my show I think you should know; I'm gonna call you out for the rest of my

life; You are smeared on my mind; I've got a microphone," Dowling sings.

She said she has already received many messages from people who say her song inspired them to open up about their own experiences for the first time.

"It really boils my blood that people are getting away with sexual assault," the 33-year-old musician said. "Everyone has a story and we shouldn't try to hide it. You should speak it so it can be stopped."

Dowling said she sent the song to her assailant in an email,

saying: "It's been 15 years, but I haven't forgot. If you hear this song on the radio, it's about you."

She has not received a response.

The unnamed perpetrator is not the only recipient of a musical letter from Dowling. Each song on the album is a letter to someone, or something, different — not all as dark as "Microphone."

"Golden Days," for example, is a letter to her favourite place in Prince Edward Island: Lakeside Beach.

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WONDERFUL MEMORIES  
MULRONEY GIVES BACK TO ALMA MATER

Former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney laughs while speaking following the announcement of the \$60 million Brian Mulroney Institute of Government and Mulroney Hall at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish on Wednesday. St. F.X.'s is Mulroney's alma mater.

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# Canadian kids' wellbeing worse

BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Investment needed to offset effects, expert says**



**David P. Ball**  
Metro | Vancouver

As child poverty in British Columbia climbs, kids are reaching school age more vulnerable than anytime in the past 15 years, a new University of B.C. report has found.

One in every three B.C. children now enters Kindergarten under-performing on a childhood wellbeing index developed by the university's Human Early Learning Partnership, the Early Development Instrument (EDI).

"We've tried to understand how children are doing," explained UBC school of population and public health researcher Martin Guhn in a phone interview, "and what the context factors are related to their health, wellbeing, and vulnerability."

"Historically, people looked at IQ or language development. But with the EDI, we tried to be more broad and holistic."

To achieve that, HELP relied on questionnaires Kindergarten teachers across the province fill out for each student every February. The teachers are asked to rate each child based on their physical health, social skills, emotional maturity, language development and communication abilities.



The results of this year's report: roughly 14,000 British Columbia kids — 32.2 per cent of children — are deemed vulnerable in at least one of EDI's wellbeing measurements when they reach elementary school. A decade ago, it stood at less than 30 per cent, he said.

"It has slowly crept up," Guhn warned. But he added that not all the indicators were negative; B.C. kids' literacy and numeracy have improved. Instead, teachers are reporting worsening aggressive and hyperactive behaviours among six-year-olds.

He said that there's no single cause, but researchers believe it may be linked to everything from sugary and fatty diets to plastics and lead in the environment, and a lack of physical activity and outdoor playtime.

"None by themselves can explain the shift we've been seeing," he cautioned.

The findings don't surprise one B.C. organization that's followed the EDI closely over recent years.

"Children seem to be having an increase in challenges

and around social development and their ability to self-regulate," said Joanne Schroeder, executive director of the Co-mox Valley Child Development Association, who also noted an observable rise in childhood anxiety. "Generally as a population, we're more stressed and anxious, and our kids are certainly reflecting that."

She attributed the problem to several factors, including parents overprotecting kids — "bubble-wrapped children," she quipped, "protected from confusion, disappointment and mud puddles" — but also said high levels of child poverty in B.C. are a major factor in children's wellbeing.

"The stress of living in poverty is not good for kids' development," she said. "Many families with young children are working long hours to balance child care and shift work."

"We definitely need increased public investment in early childhood development, and in child care in particular, and also early childhood services which are a bit fragmented."

## IN BRIEF

### Killings may cause Ontario nursing-home review

A review of Ontario government oversight of nursing homes will be launched "at some point" if one is needed in the wake of a nurse allegedly killing residents, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Wednesday, but the criminal investigation comes first. Provincial NDP Leader Andrea Horwath pressed the government on if it would conduct a review to ensure Ontario's 78,000 long-term care residents are safe, following news that a nurse was charged with eight counts of murder in the deaths of nursing home residents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## EQUALITY

# Canada falls in global gender parity

"Because it's 2015" may have been reason enough for Canada's Prime Minister to close the gender gap in cabinet last year, but that didn't stop the country from dropping in global rankings of gender parity this year.

Canada ranked 35th on the World Economic Forum's 2016 Global Gender Gap Report, dropping five positions from last year, largely due to lower scores on economic participation and opportunities.

The annual survey of 144 countries measures such factors as salary, educational at-

tainment and the number of women in senior workplace and political positions. Globally, the survey found the widest gap between the sexes exists in political empowerment.

Canada recorded a drop in female legislators, senior officials and managers, it said. But the forum acknowledged advances made at the Parliamentary level in Canada.

The U.S. also fell, to 45th, down from 28th in 2015, largely due to a decrease in women's economic participation and opportunity.

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# Clinton on cusp of history: Poll

U.S. ELECTION

## Democratic nominee has significant lead

Hillary Clinton appears on the cusp of a potentially commanding victory over Donald Trump, fueled by solid Democratic turnout in early voting, massive operational advantages and increasing enthusiasm among her supporters.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday finds the Democratic nominee has grabbed significant advantages over her Republican rival with just 12 days left before Election Day. Among them: consolidating the support of her party and even winning some Republicans.

"I'm going to pick Hillary at the top and pick Republican straight down the line," said poll respondent William Goldstein,

a 71-year-old from Long Island, New York, who voted for Mitt Romney in 2012. "I can't vote for Trump."

Overall, the poll shows Clinton leading Trump nationally by a staggering 14 percentage points among likely voters, 51-37. While that is one of her largest margins among recent national surveys, most show the former secretary of state with a substantial national lead over the billionaire businessman.

The AP-GfK poll finds that Clinton has secured the support of 90 per cent of likely Democratic voters, and also has the backing of 15 per cent of more moderate Republicans. Just 79 per cent of all Republicans surveyed say they are voting for their party's nominee.

With voting already underway in 37 states, Trump's opportunities to overtake Clinton seem to be quickly evaporating.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**PAKISTAN FAMED 'AFGHAN GIRL' ARRESTED** A Pakistani investigator says the police have arrested National Geographic's famed green-eyed 'Afghan Girl' for having a fake Pakistani identity card. Officials arrested Sharbat Gulla during a raid on Wednesday at a home in Peshawar. Gulla was an Afghan refugee girl when she gained fame in 1984 after photographer Steve McCurry's photograph of her, with piercing green eyes, was published on the cover of National Geographic. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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## Including women pays off: UN

Making sure women are a key part of negotiations to end conflicts pays off in longer-lasting peace deals, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Tuesday.

The UN chief cited one finding among many: "Peace accords are 35 per cent more likely to last at least 15 years if women are at the table."

Ban said "more women than ever before are making decisions for peace and security in the halls of governments and international organizations," citing the Colombia peace talks.

However, the secretary-general expressed anger at the meeting on Women, Peace and Security that women continue to be

excluded and ignored in many plans.

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the head of UN Women, told the council that on the plus side, the percentage of peace agreements containing provisions on gender equality has increased from 22 per cent to 70 per cent in the last five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Home prices rising at a faster rate: Fed

## REAL ESTATE

### Risk rating upgraded to 'strong' by housing agency

There is mounting proof that home prices are rising at a faster rate, Canada's federal housing agency said Wednesday as it increased its risk rating for the national housing market to its highest level for the first time.

Back in July, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said there was little indication of price acceleration, which occurs when home prices are climbing faster than the historical average.

But in its latest housing market assessment report released Wednesday, CMHC said it now sees moderate evidence that price acceleration is occurring on a national level.

Accelerating prices are a possible sign that speculation — the buying and selling of homes to



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turn a profit — is taking place, according to the agency.

CMHC also said there was strong evidence that increases in income and population growth have not kept up with the rise in home prices over the last quarter.

The two factors combined prompted CMHC to raise a red flag about possible risks in the

national housing market for the first time ever, hiking its risk rating from moderate to strong.

However, the agency is predicting that the market will start to balance itself out next year, with both sales and the pace of housing starts expected to decline next year before stabilizing in 2018.

"When you have an imbalance like what we're seeing right now in that the level of prices is beyond what fundamentals can support, over the medium term, those kinds of things historically have been resolved," CMHC chief economist Bob Dugan said during a conference call.

"So we would expect to see prices moving more in line with fundamentals rather than the spread just becoming wider and wider."

Royal LePage president Phil Soper said he agrees.

"The market does self-regulate and in only rare cases do you get a Vancouver situation, where in a relatively limited geographic area you see spiking home prices," Soper said.

CMHC said there is strong evidence of problematic conditions in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Toronto and Hamilton.

Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal and Quebec City show moderate evidence of such conditions, the agency said.

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## ECONOMY

### Canada waits as EU trade deadline nears

In a race against the clock, the European Union edged closer Wednesday to being able to sign a free trade deal with Canada the next day after Belgium made progress in lifting the veto of one of its regions.

But it remained unclear to everyone — including, it seemed, the federal Liberal government — whether Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would be able to fly to Brussels for an official signature ceremony Thursday, seven years after negotiations began.

EU President Donald Tusk told EU legislators Wednesday that "the summit tomorrow is still

possible" after days of talks in Brussels between the national government and its regions seemed to be heading for a breakthrough. Belgium needs all its regions to sign on and the EU, in turn, needs unanimity among all its 28 states.

Trudeau, in his response to a query about the agreement during question period Wednesday, suggested he's prepared to wait out a longer timeline.

"We are confident that in the coming days we will see a positive outcome for this historic deal," the prime minister told the Commons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## OILSANDS

### Production rebounds

Oilsands producers are expected to report back-to-business third-quarter results as they shrug off lingering impacts of the Fort McMurray wildfires. Analysts expect to report Wednesday that oilsands output had been restored to over 440,000 bpd.

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## DESMOND COLE ON SYSTEMIC BIAS



# Racism in policing is about outcomes, not intentions.

A two-year study of police traffic stops in Ottawa has revealed — to no one's surprise — that cops in the nation's capital disproportionately pull over Middle Eastern and black drivers.

Since police across Canada are being exposed for similar practices, their hollow excuses about a few bad apples are becoming less effective. Instead, our police increasingly argue that prejudiced police behaviour is well-intentioned, and therefore cannot be labelled as racist.

Ottawa police chief Charles Bordeleau is using this strategy to shield his officers from accountability. Bordeleau has explained the targeting of Middle Eastern and black drivers by saying, "residents want us to be visible and active in areas with high crime or social disorder issues and to respond to violent crimes, shootings and gang activity." Someone should tell the chief that "racism" refers to systemic, unfair outcomes for racialized people — whatever police may believe about good intentions and colour-blindness, they are still abusing us.

If a colleague steps on my foot every time he passes me in the hallway, it hurts. It doesn't matter if my colleague insists he never sees me standing there, or argues that he has to pass my desk to reach his own. What matters is

**Police need to justify their disproportionate violence against racialized people because they have no intention of stopping it**

that my toes are broken. Bordeleau is asking Middle Eastern and black residents not only to accept the damage of racist profiling, but to forgive the officers who repeatedly trample their charter rights, particularly the right to drive Ottawa's streets without being

police should stop drivers, especially racialized drivers, for non-criminal offences because they might uncover crime in the process. This explains why police forces have been so reluctant to abandon carding, the practice of stopping and documenting civilians

original population in Canada is just satisfied being alcohol or drug abusers."

Hell, the police only participated in the York study because they were forced to do so.

In 2005, Ottawa resident Chad Aiken, who was 18 at the time, was stopped by police while driving his mother's Mercedes Benz. Aiken, who is black, says an officer, who was never identified or charged, pulled him over for no reason and punched him in the chest. Police agreed to the York study as part of a settlement with Aiken but, 11 years on, Bordeleau and friends continue both their racist profiling and their denials of reality.

The denial is so deep that it affected officers' participation in the study. Several police told the Ottawa Citizen they were recording that they did not perceive the race of the individuals they were stopping. The officers explained they were afraid of being labelled as racist, as the study makes no room for them to explain why they keep targeting racialized people.

Police need to justify their disproportionate, systemic violence against racialized people because they have no intention of stopping it. They could just quit trampling us, but they would rather continue the abuse and call it an accident or, worse, pretend they don't even realize they keep doing it to us.

All the excuses are a waste of breath — we know racism every time we are stepped on, and we're so tired of hearing about the good hearts of our aggressors.

**Desmond Cole** is a Toronto-based journalist.



**DOUBLING DOWN** Ottawa police chief Charles Bordeleau has defended his department in the face of a study showing minority drivers are pulled over at disproportionate rates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

pulled over for the non-offence of being in a "high crime or social disorder" zone.

Middle Eastern people in Ottawa are less than 4 per cent of the driving population, but they accounted for 12.3 per cent of the total stops by police in the York University study. Police stopped black motorists, who also represent less than 4 per cent of all drivers, 8.8 per cent of the time. Contrary to Bordeleau's fear-mongering about high criminal activity, police themselves recorded "provincial and municipal offences" as the reason for 97 per cent of all stops.

Bordeleau's argument — and that of police forces across Canada who engage in racist profiling — is that

who are not suspected of a crime. Bordeleau says local residents expect police to pull people over, but stops short of the obvious: white residents expect police to target poor and racialized people, and their chief is listening.

I don't expect Bordeleau to acknowledge systemic racism in policing. He didn't acknowledge it in July, when police laid a vicious beating on Abdirahman Abdi, a 37-year-old Somali immigrant who died at the hands of Ottawa officers. He didn't acknowledge it in September, after Ottawa sergeant Chris Hrnchiar commented on the death of renowned Inuk artist Annie Pootoogook, who was found in the Rideau river, by saying that "much of the Ab-

## VICKY MOCHAMA

# Male-female pay gap is cities' problem, too

At 2:38 p.m. on Monday, the women of Iceland left work.

They weren't slacking. They didn't go shopping. This was a protest.

Iceland has been called the most feminist country in the world, but the women there typically earn at least 14 per cent less than men. The protest organizers thought it only fair, therefore, that women should work 14 per cent fewer hours. Even if only for a day.

I couldn't have made the point better myself. I'd love to see the same protest here.

But in an economy as regionally diverse as Canada's, Iceland-style walkouts would vary from city to city. In Winnipeg, women who arrived at work at 9 a.m. would be on the street at 3 p.m. (if they skipped lunch); in Edmonton the 9-to-5 men would be on their own as of 2:12.

Where a woman lives can determine how much the pay gap affects her quality of life. Cities can't wait for federal or provincial governments to make the problem go away. Cities need to take responsibility now. Women can't afford the wait.

The federal government is considering a law mandating pay equity for federally regulated workers. But that legislation won't be tabled until 2018. I have "end patriarchy" scheduled for 2017, so that seems a little late. In the meantime, there's work that cities should do.

Armine Yalnizyan of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, told me that cheap and efficient social

services can help close the gap between men and women. "If you have affordable childcare in your community, your boss doesn't need to pay you more."

For example, transit greatly affects women's ability to work. It also determines which neighbourhoods they can live in and whether their kids can safely get around. In this way, city governments can work to give women more options and a better quality of life without having to rely on employers to raise wages, or on higher levels of government to mandate wage increases.

I'm sure the Prime Minister would love to click his heels and grant women the money they've been missing. But pay equity isn't just a problem for the feds. City centres need to take it seriously too. If not, urban women from all backgrounds might just start taking longer lunches.

### CITY BY CITY

## Regional gaps

Women's average earnings as a percentage of men's average earnings

- 1 **Ottawa** — 78%
- 2 **Toronto** — 77%
- 3 **Winnipeg** — 75%
- 4 **Vancouver** — 73%
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## Oilsands featured in DiCaprio doc

### INTERVIEW

### Canada-centric doc forced star to be himself without script

Canada features prominently in Leonardo DiCaprio's new climate-change documentary *Before the Flood* and director Fisher Stevens said he was "really horrified" by scenes of the oilsands in northeastern Alberta.

"It does employ a lot of people," said Stevens of the oil industry, during an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where *Before the Flood* had its world premiere. The documentary will be screened in 171 countries, in 45 languages, when it debuts on the National Geographic Channel on Sunday.

"Look, we all want work, we all need jobs — God knows. And it would be great if it was like: 'Now, we take all of these people and we replant all of that forest.' Wouldn't that be amazing?"

DiCaprio is a producer on the film, which sees the actor travel to several continents and the Arctic, meeting with political and religious leaders, scientists and activists.

The Oscar-winning actor has been a longtime advocate for environmental issues, and was designated a United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on climate change in 2014. Still, Stevens said DiCaprio was initially hesitant



Dr. Enric Sala, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and Leonardo DiCaprio, right, in the Canadian Arctic near the North Pole, filming the new documentary *Before the Flood*. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to appear onscreen, despite his passion for the film and the cause.

"He called me and he said: 'Hey, man, the planet's getting worse and I want to make another climate-change movie, and I want you to do it with me'" recalled Stevens, an actor and filmmaker whose past environmentally focused projects include *Mission Blue* and *Racing*

Extinction and working as a producer on the Oscar-winning documentary *The Cove*.

"He said: 'Yeah, I'm willing to be in this one.' And I think he regretted that for sure — at first. He wasn't used to having the cameras in his face like that, and he was quite uncomfortable at times, not having lines, not playing a character — just being Leo.

"He's a wonderful person," Stevens added. "(I said to him): 'You're the guy. If ever we can use a movie to move the needle, you're the guy.'"

The timing of the documentary's release is no coincidence. The duo was determined to have it completed in advance of the looming U.S. election.

"The Senate and the Congress, as you see in the film,

is full of people on the payroll of the fossil fuel industry, and (who) are worried that they're going to lose their seats if they push the climate agenda," said Stevens.

"We're going to have some swing state screenings (and) get rid of these people if we can. It's really time. It's finally time that people wake up."

Stevens remained buoyed

by positive trends that have emerged, pointing to renewable energy becoming more affordable, U.S. President Barack Obama speaking out on climate change, as well as Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.

"We're not trying to preach to the converted. That wasn't our interest. We want to make a cool film, a film that people really drink in." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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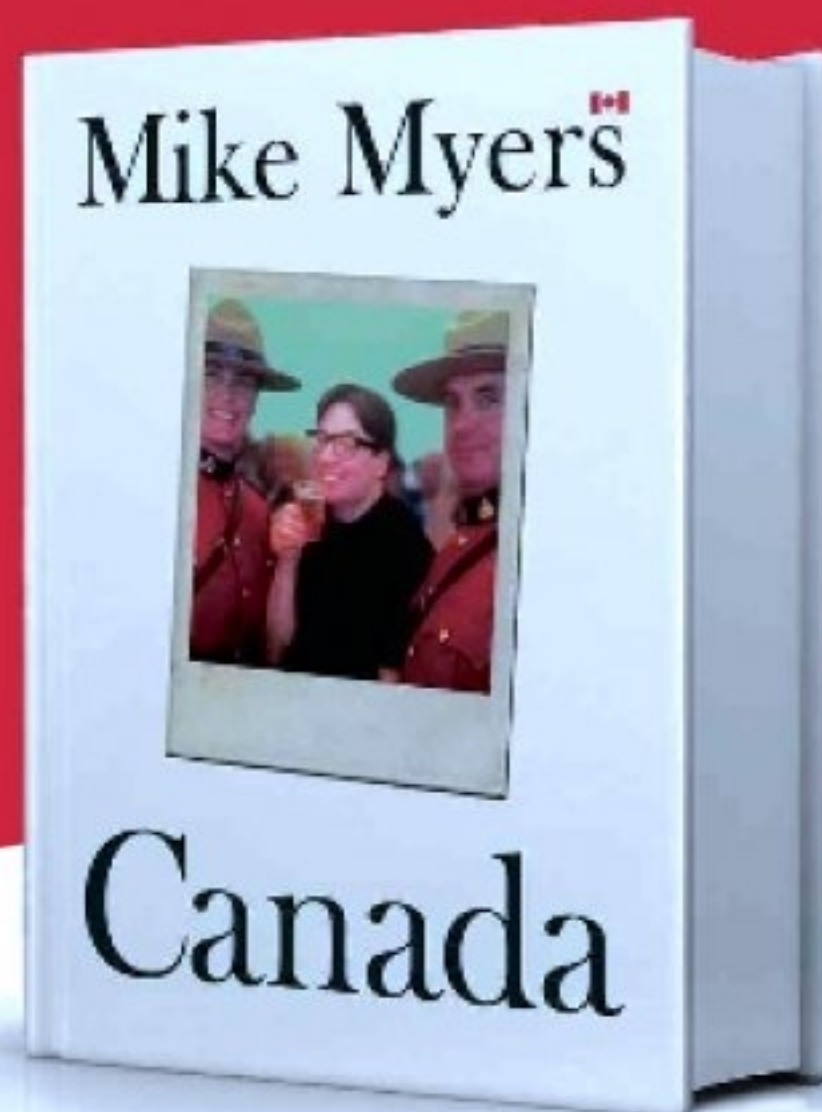


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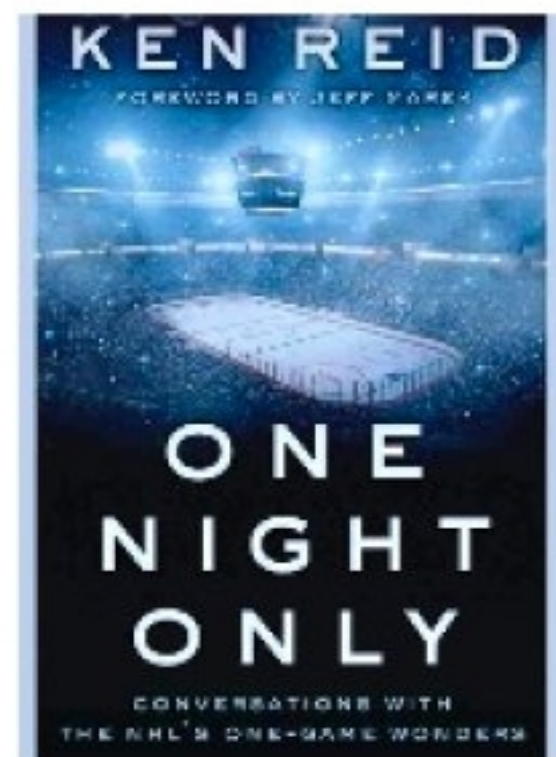
Put on your skates: It's the dawn of a new NHL season, and these four new books should score with fans — both diehard and bandwagon.

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#### 1 Anthropology

**The McDavid Effect: Connor McDavid and the New Hope for Hockey** by Marty Klinkenberg is about so much more than Connor McDavid, or indeed a game involving ice, rubber and sticks. It is, in effect, a work of social anthropology documenting how a 19-year-old kid born in Richmond Hill, who grew up in Newmarket, Ont., has instilled renewed pride in the Edmonton Oilers and a city sorely in need of a renewed sense of itself. McDavid, who became the youngest captain of a team in NHL history earlier this month, joined the team at the beginning of the last season, so Klinkenberg has done some breakneck skating himself, concluding his story in April.

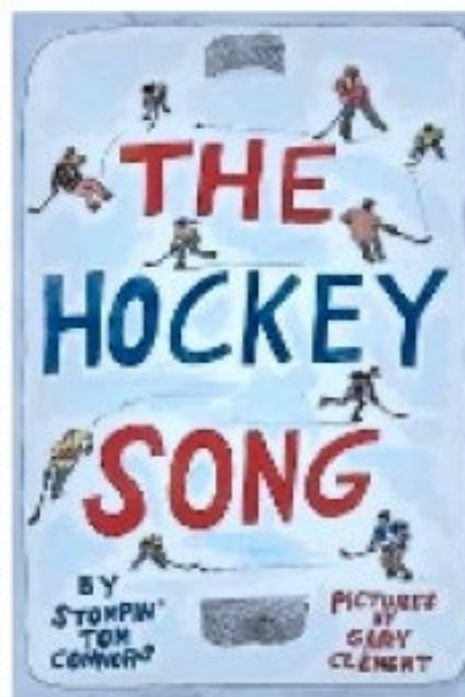


#### 2 Anthology

Here's a nifty idea for a hockey book: Ken Reid, the co-anchor of Sportsnet Central, tracked down 40 of the 350-odd men who have played a single NHL game for *One Night Only: Conversations With the NHL's One-Game Wonders*. Each explains how their one game came about, and how it felt to play in the world's greatest hockey league.

#### 3 Music

Stompin' Tom's iconic "The Hockey Song" has been — and still is — played at games throughout North America, a rousing paean to, in his words, "the best game you can name." Now the new book *The Hockey Song*, Stompin' Tom Connors arrives for a new generation illustrated by the inimitable Gary Clements, who begins with a dad and his son heading out for a shinny game in an urban rink, the city lights twinkling in the distance. Everyone is included, black, brown and white, men and women, young and old, wearing every team insignia imaginable.



#### 4 Design

In *Architecture on Ice: A History of the Hockey Arena*, Howard Shubert, the former curator of prints and drawings at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, presents this definitive tour of skating rinks and arenas — including 164 archival photos — from the earliest days, when community rinks were primarily venues for fun and flirtation to today's mammoth entertainment centres, where hockey is but one of the draws.



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## A DIY wreath that's dead easy

### CRAFTING

### Add some spooky je ne sais quoi to your door

**Debra Norton**  
For Torstar News Service

Give all the little ghouls and goblins that arrive at your door the evil eye this Halloween.

At first glance it seems like a regular wreath, but take a closer look and you see its fading flowers are giving you the hairy eyeball.

It's a fun and simple way to add a little creepy décor to your home.

#### TRY IT

#### Step 1: Gather the supplies

You'll need:

- Wreath
- Faux flowers
- Floral wire
- Large googly eyes
- Glue gun & glue sticks



- Scissors
- Craft paint (optional)

We purchased a black wreath from the Halloween décor section of a craft store.

If you can't find a wreath in black, you can try spray-painting a green wreath with black paint.

#### Step 2: Add flowers

Cut off a portion of the stems from the faux flowers — but make sure to leave enough stem length so that when it is inserted through the wreath, you've got approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm) left.

Wrap a piece of floral wire around the bottom portion of the stem.

Insert the stem through the wreath.

Use the floral wire that is wrapped on the stem to attach it to the wreath.

Repeat with each flower.

#### Step 3: add googly eyes

Heat up the glue gun and apply hot glue to the centre of the flower.

Press the googly eye firmly in place. Repeat for each flower. Let dry.

#### Step 4: Paint the tips of the flower petals (optional)

Dab a little craft paint on the tips of each petal to add a little more drama to the wreath. Let dry.

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#### PAINT IT BLACK

If you can't find a wreath in black, you can try spray-painting a green wreath with black paint.



This wreath can be made in four steps or less. PHOTOS DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Though Georges St-Pierre has answered UFC middleweight champion Michael Bisping's challenge, a match has yet to be announced



## Mooseheads channel frustration into victory

QMJHL

### Herd rebound on strength of Hischier's 6-point night



**Dylan DesRoche**  
For Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Mooseheads appear to have learned from a heart-breaking defeat, preventing the Bathurst Titan from mounting a comeback on Wednesday night at Scotiabank Centre.

Halifax blew a two-goal lead Sunday in a home loss to the Val-d'Or Forers, but won 6-4 against the Titan after they rallied in the second period with a flurry of offensive chances.

"We played well today," said Mooseheads defenceman and captain Taylor Ford.

"I think the frustration from last week kind of gave us the edge today. We didn't let them do anything or get any momentum back, and that's the way we should play every time."

Halifax was leading 3-0 early in the second, but the Titan rallied, peppering Kevin Resop with 19 shots and eventually three goals.

Despite the second-period surge, Halifax showed matur-



At Scotiabank Centre

**6** HERD **4** TITAN

Halifax Mooseheads forward Ben Higgins, right, gets around Antoine Morand of the Acadie-Bathurst Titan during QMJHL action on Wednesday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ity from Sunday's defeat and kept its composure.

They took a one-goal lead into the final 20 minutes then put the game away.

"Everybody showed good

poise out there tonight and we were able to keep the lead and that's what we want to do," Ford said.

Highly touted import Nico Hischier led the offensive

charge for Halifax. He recorded his first career QMJHL hat-trick, scoring his third on the power play with a low shot from the right circle that snuck by Titan goalie Reilly Pickard.

### + NEXT UP

Halifax is now gearing up for a home-and-home series with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. The teams play Friday night in Sydney and Saturday night in Halifax.

He also had three assists to finish with six points and first-star honours. He now leads the team in scoring with 19 points in 14 games.

"The most important thing is team success," the Swiss import said of his big night.

"I'm really happy we got these points tonight and we're looking forward to getting some more."

Jocktan Chainey also had a big game for Halifax, scoring his first two goals of the season with two big slap shots from the point.

"It was a very good feeling. It's the first time I had two goals in this league," said Chainey, who is just returning from pre-season shoulder surgery.

Barrett Dachyshyn opened the scoring for Halifax, while Resop finished with 29 saves.

Dawson Theede, Daniil Mironov and Antoine Morand and Cole Rafuse replied for the Titan.

WORLD SERIES

## Arrieta pitches Cubs to 1-1 tie

Jake Arrieta made a teasing run at history, Kyle Schwarber drove in two runs and the Chicago Cubs brushed off a shutout to even the World Series with their first Fall Classic win in 71 years, 5-1 over the Cleveland Indians in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Arrieta carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, briefly invoking Don Larsen's name, before the Indians touched him for two hits and a run. However, the right-hander helped give Chicago just what it needed — a split at Progressive Field — before the Cubbies return to their Wrigley Field den for the next three games starting Friday night.

The Cubs hadn't won in the Series since beating Detroit 8-7 in 1945 to force Game 7.

Aroldis Chapman got the final four outs for the save as rain began to fall on Cleveland.

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GAME 2 In Cleveland



### IN BRIEF

#### Habs earn 5th straight win

Shea Weber's power-play goal with 2:57 remaining lifted the Montreal Canadiens to their fifth straight victory, 3-2 over the New York Islanders on Wednesday night.

Paul Byron and Phillip Danault also scored to help Montreal improve to 6-0-1 and remain the only team in the NHL without a regulation loss. Al Montoya stopped 26 shots in his first start since Oct. 18 as the Canadiens beat New York for the seventh straight time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



DeMar DeRozan of the Raptors drives past Pistons forward Aron Baynes in Toronto on Wednesday night.

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NBA

## DeRozan deadly on opening night

DeMar DeRozan picked up exactly where he left off last season.

The Raptors all-star scored 21 of his 40 points in a spectacular third quarter to propel Toronto to a 109-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons in the team's season opener on Wednesday.

DeRozan broke Vince Carter's record for an opening-night performance (39 points) set in 2003. Jonas Valanciunas added a career-high 32 points and 11 rebounds.

Tobias Harris had 22 to top the Pistons.

Almost five months to the day since the Raptors' thrilling and historic playoff run came to an

end — ousted in six games by eventual NBA champion Cleveland in the Eastern Conference final — expectations are high.

DeRozan, who signed a five-year deal worth \$139 million US in the off-season, took the mic before tipoff, telling the crowd "I want to thank you, the best fans in the world. Hope you enjoy the

season." Then the 27-year-old, starting a record eighth straight season-opener for Toronto, went to work.

DeRozan and Valanciunas combined for 25 points in the first quarter as the Raptors roared back from a seven-point deficit to take a 33-23 lead into the second.

Toronto took a 58-46 advantage into the dressing room at halftime, and then DeRozan's outstanding third quarter, which included a rim-rattling dunk, sent the Raptors into the fourth with an 86-71 lead.

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